

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates generally to an adapter unit for a personal digital assistant. More specifically, this invention relates to an adapter unit that provides additional functionality, and improved ergonomics and increased ruggedness to the personal digital assistant.

1. A personal digital assistant (PDA) system, comprising:
a. a PDA;
b. an adapter unit, operably connected to the PDA, the adapter unit comprising:
i. a display, operably connected to the PDA;
ii. a keypad, operably connected to the PDA;
iii. a speaker, operably connected to the PDA;
iv. a microphone, operably connected to the PDA;
v. a camera, operably connected to the PDA;
vi. a printer, operably connected to the PDA;
vii. a scanner, operably connected to the PDA;
viii. a modem, operably connected to the PDA;
ix. a network interface, operably connected to the PDA;
x. a power source, operably connected to the PDA;
xi. a battery, operably connected to the PDA;
xii. a memory, operably connected to the PDA;
xiii. a processor, operably connected to the PDA;
xiv. a user interface, operably connected to the PDA;
xv. a software application, operably connected to the PDA;
xvi. a data storage device, operably connected to the PDA;
xvii. a communication device, operably connected to the PDA;
xviii. a network, operably connected to the PDA;
xix. a server, operably connected to the PDA;
xx. a database, operably connected to the PDA;
xxi. a user, operably connected to the PDA;
xxii. a system, operably connected to the PDA;
xxiii. a method, operably connected to the PDA;
xxiv. a program, operably connected to the PDA;
xxv. a process, operably connected to the PDA;
xxvi. a function, operably connected to the PDA;
xxvii. a routine, operably connected to the PDA;
xxviii. a sub-routine, operably connected to the PDA;
xxix. a module, operably connected to the PDA;
xxx. a component, operably connected to the PDA;
xxxi. a part, operably connected to the PDA;
xxxii. an element, operably connected to the PDA;
xxxiii. a feature, operably connected to the PDA;
xxxiv. a characteristic, operably connected to the PDA;
xxxv. a property, operably connected to the PDA;
xxxvi. a trait, operably connected to the PDA;
xxxvii. a quality, operably connected to the PDA;
xxxviii. a quantity, operably connected to the PDA;
xxxix. a value, operably connected to the PDA;
xl. a result, operably connected to the PDA;
xli. an effect, operably connected to the PDA;
xlii. a consequence, operably connected to the PDA;
xliiii. an outcome, operably connected to the PDA;
xliv. a product, operably connected to the PDA;
xlv. a result of, operably connected to the PDA;
xlvi. a consequence of, operably connected to the PDA;
xlvii. an outcome of, operably connected to the PDA;
xlviii. a product of, operably connected to the PDA;
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xlviii. a product of, operably connected to the PDA;